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In a commercial community like that of Hongkong, certain questions are constantly arising to which answers are not immediately forthcoming. In any commercial community there is necessarily a diversity of interests, in spite of the common bond of commercial enterprise which keeps the various sections together, and therefore, in order to arrive at an adequate answer to some vexed questions, it is imperative to strike a mean or find a compromise which will satisfy, as far as possible, all parties concerned. One question has been brought forward very prominently of late, with reference to the shareholders and the policy of the directors of different concerns in the Colony. We do not propose to pronounce in any definite manner on the merits of the case, but merely to call attention to the point principally at issue. There are, as is a familiar fact, a number of thoroughly sound business concerns in Hongkong, which every year can put forward a most satisfactory balance sheet, showing increasing prosperity and excellent prospects for the future. The shareholders in such concerns might be expected to be delighted at the fact that their money is invested in absolutely trustworthy securities, where the risk of losing their capital is practically non-existent. But what do we find? A large number of these shareholders are anything but satisfied. And why? Their line of argument appears to be as follows: We have put our money into this concern, which every indication showed us to be a sound one. We see it flourishing and its income increasing steadily. Therefore we expect an increasing return for our money. We have already invested in other companies, which have gone to the wall, thereby

losing us our capital. If we suffer with the bad companies, should we not profit with the good? But no! We find that in the successful companies the Directors go in for a policy of consolidating and strengthening, of writing off on depreciation, and not of increasing the dividends. Now, if we wanted simply a certain investment, we have the Banks, with their four per cent. on fixed deposits, or there are Debentures, which promise us six per cent. We have preferred to put our money in the concerns of which we are now complaining, because we saw that they both were sound and offered the prospect of large increases in revenue. But we find that we do not profit with their growing prosperity. We have contributed our money to build up the concerns, but it rests with the Directors whether we are to reap the reward. It may be that we sell out when we leave the Colony, after five years, during which time we have had but moderate dividends. The Directors may decide next year to give a more generous dividend, the benefit of which a man who has bought from us and has only held the shares a few months may enjoy. Are we not right in asking for a sort of equity of dividend, and a consistent method of writing down—for example, a regular ten per cent. for depreciation not one year five per cent. and another one, per cent? These concerns in which we are investing are not like Fire Insurance companies, where the risk is unlimited and the managers can never know when they will not suffer heavy losses; they are well established companies, with limited risks. In a word, we ask for consistency of writing down and for an equitable dividend.

So we may conceive certain shareholders speaking, so indeed they do speak. It is difficult to deny the reasonableness of their remarks. On the other hand the Directors point out the wisdom of steady dividends rather than very large ones in years of unusual prosperity, which might raise excessive expectations for the future. We mentioned above the possibility of compromise. We do not see that Directors in this Colony need fear the request for equitable dividends. Such a system cuts both ways. If it is understood to be ruling, the investors cannot complain. As it is, they charge the Directors, in many cases, with caprice or with undue caution in years of prosperity. Nothing can do more to promote the best interests of a company than a good understanding between the Directors and the main body of the shareholders.

The French Mail of the 9th February, was delivered in London on the 10th inst.

The name of the Rev. F. T. Johnson has been added to the list of J. P.'s.

Mr. W. Ramsay's appointment as Engineer Surveyor for steam-launches is notified in the Gazette.

"Observer" has omitted to send his name with his letter, which we cannot therefore publish yet.

Major L. J. Dopping-Hepensal, R.E., has been appointed Staff Officer to the Commanding Royal Engineer, South China.

Direct exchange of parcels between Hongkong and the Dutch East Indies is now established. The limits of weight and dimensions are published in the Gazette.

A new crew is to be selected for the surveying vessel *Rambler*, Commander Charles E. Monro, which is to be re-commissioned at Hongkong for a further term of foreign service.

The mail steamer *Kiautschau*, twin screw, 10,880 tons, belonging to the Hamburg American Line, has been acquired by the Norddeutscher Lloyd, and will in future be known as the *Princess Alice*.

Among those most lately elected to fellowships of the Royal Colonial Institute are Sir John Anderson, K.C.M.G., (Governor of the Straits Settlements), and Mr. J. P. Harper (Federated Malay States).

Manila papers are strong in their condemnation of the increase of native regiments, and urge the permanent retention of at least 20,000 American troops in the archipelago. They point to the increase in lawlessness and out-laws as sufficient cause for their sentiments on the subject.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Netherlands Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the hospitals:—

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H. T. Richardson	5

Dr. G. H. Bateson Wright's report on Queen's College for 1903 is published in the Gazette.

Last month the Admiralty were enquiring for tonnage for further cargoes for the supply of the British Fleet in Chinese waters.

Messrs. A. Fong have sent us some capital photographs of scenes at Chemulpo before, during, and after the naval engagement. The *Varyag*, *Korietz*, and *Sungari* are all shown after their destruction, and there is one view of the actual explosion on the *Korietz*.

It is recorded in the home papers that the late Sir E. J. Acroyd, formerly Acting Chief Justice and puisne Judge here, whose death we announced last month, spent the closing years of his life at Hove, Sussex, taking considerable interest in the affairs of the town.

The Tibetan Blue-book makes uncommonly interesting reading, says the *Westminster Gazette*. Who can forbear to smile when China speaks of Tibet as "her obstinate and ignorant vassal" begging us to exercise patience in bringing the said vassal to "a juster sense of the duties and responsibilities of good neighbours?"

Within the course of a few days last month the constructional drawings for thirty powerful locomotives, required for use on the Japanese Government Railways, were finally approved, the contract for the whole of the thirty engines being placed with German builders. Twelve of the locomotives are to be delivered by the Berlin Machine Company, whilst the contract for the remaining eighteen engines has been equally divided between the Hanover Machine Company of Linden and Messrs. Henschel and Son, of Cassel. The Berlin Machine Company's tender was £1995 per locomotive, the Hanover Machine Company's tender £1989 per locomotive, and £707 for the reserve boiler and wheels. The lowest British tender was £2003 per locomotive.

In the *Government Gazette* appears a proclamation by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, to the effect that "all land in the New Territories in relation to which no claim has been presented to the Land Court, and all land the claim to which has been disallowed by the Land Court or in relation to which a title has been refused by the Governor under the power in that behalf reserved by the 14th section of the New Territories Land Court Ordinance, is land the property of the Crown, and all persons in occupation of such land after the dates specified in the Notifications above referred to in respect to the various districts concerned will be deemed and treated as trespassers, unless such occupation be authorised by grant or license from the Governor or from some person authorised by him in that behalf."

We have regretfully to record the death at the Government Civil Hospital on Saturday of Mr. William Noble, superintendent engineer of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, Ltd. Mr. Noble had been in the service of the Company upwards of eleven years, and had superintended the installation of the Company's huge oil-tanks in various parts of India, at Batavia, and elsewhere. Latterly he had been at Haiphong arranging for an installation of tanks. Suffering from fever, he came to Hongkong about a month ago for medical treatment. Unfortunately complications developed and Mr. Noble succumbed on Saturday. He was but 37 years of age, and leaves a wife and child who came with him to Hongkong. The interment took place at the Happy Valley yesterday, the Rev. F. T. Johnson officiating.

THE A.D.C. AT THE THEATRE.

The last performance of *His Excellency* was given at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night before a house so crowded that one is inclined to wonder whether our Amateur Dramatic Club could not fill the Theatre for quite a little run of a successful piece. Certainly on Saturdays at least we believe that *His Excellency* would continue to draw for some time to come. The reception accorded to the closing performance was most enthusiastic, and recalls (which were very properly granted more freely than on the previous nights) were constant. Numerous bouquets were presented to the leading ladies and Mr. Phillips, Dame Cordland's able impersonator, received what appeared to be a basket of strawberries. As on Friday the item which most pleased the audience was the dance introduced by Mrs. Hall-Wright and Lieut. Davidson; but the duet between Mrs. Maitland and Surgeon Horley, the trio of Lieut. Davidson and his "daughters," Mrs. Hagen and Mrs. Hall-Wright, and the Hansars' chorus won almost as enthusiastic applause. Moreover, Mr. George Lammert sang his very best in his solos, Mrs. Hall-Wright's "Oh! tell me this" was a triumph for her, and Mrs. Craddock's Christmas was pleasing. The acting of Surgeon Norris and Mr. Phillips in their dialogues, songs, etc., never failed to move the audience to laughter. In a performance so good all round it is rather invidious to pick out individuals, and we must conclude by congratulating the A.D.C. most heartily on the manner in which they have staged *His Excellency*, and carried through one of the most difficult tasks they have ever attempted. Mr. E. W. Mitchell, Mr. A. Chapman (Acting Manager) and Mr. G. A. Caldwell, who arranged the dances, must be well pleased at the success of their efforts. Nor must we forget Mr. A. G. Ward, the conductor, and Mr. Evan Ormiston, who was at the piano on the last two nights.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

THE WAR.

NAVAL ACTION AT VLADIVOSTOCK.

LONDON, 13th Mar., 2 p.m.

Admiral Makaroff telegraphs from Vladivostock that in a naval action on the 11th inst. the Russian destroyer *Stereguschki* and also a Japanese torpedo-boat were sunk.

GENERAL NEWS.

CHINESE FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, 13th Mar., 2.5 p.m.

His Majesty the King has assented to the Bill for the introduction of Chinese labour into the Transvaal.

THE KAISER'S MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, 13th Mar., 2.5 p.m.

The Kaiser has started for the Mediterranean, leaving Bremerhaven on Saturday, as arranged.

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL.

LONDON, 13th Mar., 2.5 p.m.

England beat Ireland at Association football by 3 goals to 1.

Scotland and Wales drew at 1 goal all.

Ireland beat Wales at the Rugby game by 14 points to 12.

[As the result of the last match, England has an excellent chance of the Championship, as she has only to beat Scotland, who lost to Wales, with whom England drew.—Ed. D.P.]

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE WAR.

LONDON, 10th March.

The Tsar has congratulated the garrison of Vladivostock on their "baptism of fire," and is convinced that all will make a rampart of their bodies to protect Russia's stronghold against the enemy.

The State department at Washington is informed from Choson that Japanese troops have arrived at Fung-wang-cheng and Taku-shan, thus getting to the rear of the Russians in Korea and threatening their railway communications.

LATER.

The exportation of horses from Russia has been prohibited.

The Russian cruiser *Dmitri Donskoi* which has been repairing at Suez has entered the Canal.

Russian and Japanese scouts had a brief encounter north of Pingyang on the 9th inst. There were no casualties on either side.

LOSS OF A RUSSIAN TORPEDO BOAT.

LONDON, 10th March.

A Russian torpedo-boat has been lost between Port Said and Crete. The crew were saved.

THE RUSSIAN BALTIC SQUADRON.

LONDON, 10th March.

The Tempe S. Petersburg correspondent says that the Baltic Squadron will probably leave in July and attempt to force the North East passage.

ANOTHER ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR.

LONDON, 11th March.

Admiral Alexieff reports that "The enemy's torpedo-boats were detected at Port Arthur at 1 a.m. on the 10th inst. The batteries opened fire and our torpedo-boats went out at 2.40 a.m., coming into contact with the enemy at 4 a.m. After some shots were exchanged the enemy withdrew and later on the torpedo-boats reported a squadron of 14 ships approaching. The Japanese opened fire at 8 o'clock against our cruisers and the fortress, firing continuously from behind Liaotshan promontory."

INCREDULITY AND CREDIBILITY.

LONDON, 11th March.

The Washington report of the 10th March relative to Japanese troops having arrived at Feng-wang-cheng and Taku-shan, is received with incredulity by military experts, though the mystery surrounding all movements of the belligerents make everything credible.

FISCAL POLICY.

LONDON, 11th March.

A motion by Captain Pirie condemning the continued agitation in favour of preferential protective tariffs, which was encouraged by the language of certain Ministers, was rejected by 239 to 243. Twenty-six Unionists voted with the minority. This is regarded as likely to hasten a General Election.

THE BUDGET.

LONDON, 11th March.

The Times computes this year's deficit at two millions and next year's expenditure at £142,376,067. The prospect for the taxpayer is not cheerful.

THE NEW STRAITS GOVERNOR.

LONDON, 11th March.

The new Governor of the Straits Settlements will sail on the 24th inst.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. V. UNITED SERVICES.

On Saturday the victorious career of the H.K.C.C. came to an end. After going through the whole season without a defeat and only on one occasion having a fright (when Lowe and Mast were called on to save the match), the Club has succumbed to an United Services team. Last week the Navy had rather the better of the match, but the Club was not in actual peril, owing to the short hours of play. In the present match there was time to play the game out and the result was a victory for the visitors by 4 wickets. The winning team was very powerful, and Lumsden made a welcome reappearance. The Club, on the other hand, though it would be hard to suggest who also could have been brought into strengthen the side, was obviously less powerful than earlier in the season. As it turned out, the game was not very uneven between the teams, as Moore's 77, not out, (which included 31 runs) and Irwin's 56 accounted for most of all the Services' runs. For the Club R. Hancock's 40 was top score, but there were four other two-figure contributions. The bowling was not sensational, but no one was much punished. Williams's 4 wickets for 50 was the best analysis. It will be noted that Lumsden secured a couple of wickets. For the Club J. T. Dixon and R. Hancock did the execution. Rutherford, whose fast deliveries have been very successful in League matches, was given a trial but did not take a wicket. Scores and analysis:—

H.K.C.C.	U.S.
T. Sercombe Smith, b Williams, b Lumsden	8
H. Hancock, b Williams	14
A. G. Ward, b Williams, b Lumsden	25
A. Mackenzie, b Rutherford, b Lumsden	18
Walter Dixon, b Rutherford	18
R. Hancock (capt.), b Williams	40
J. T. Dixon, c Moore, b Rutherford	0
F. Maitland, c Moore, b Rutherford	19
C. E. S. Cooper, not out	3
R. Ponsbury, b Williams	3
N. H. Rutherford, b Williams	8
Extras	5
Total	179

U.S.	H.K.C.C.
Eng. L. G. G. R. N., b J. T. Dixon	4
Mr. Irwin, R.N., c J. T. Dixon, b A. Mackenzie	50
Mr. Rutherford, R.N., c J. T. Dixon	31
L. Lumsden, E.A., b R. Hancock	2
Eng. L. J. Moore, R.N. (capt.), not out	77
Capt. P. G. Davies, A.O.D., c Ponsbury	56
J. T. Dixon	0
Major Chichester, D.A.C., c C.E.S.	0
C. Cooper, b J. T. Dixon	0
Eng. L. de Paris, R.N., not out	11
Extras	11
Total (6 wickets)	182

Lieut. Vivian, R.N., Mr. Williams, R.N., and Lieut. Toulmin, R.N. did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

H.K.C.C.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Williams	16.2	2	60	4
Vivian	10	3	23	1
Lumsden	7	1	36	2
Toulmin	5	2	20	1
Horsley	7	2	25	2
Chichester	3	1	10	—

UNITED SERVICES.

U.S.	O.	M.	R.	W.
J. T. Dixon	17	3	52	3
Cooper	6	3	15	—
Rutherford	7	1	18	—
R. Hancock	6	2	20	2
Sercombe Smith	3	1	10	—
Mackenzie	3	—	30	1

CARIBGEOWE C.C. V. E.E.

This match was played at the Happy Valley on Saturday. Scores:—

CARIBGEOWE C.C.	E.E.
E. R. Horton, b Wessner	2
J. Craig, b Raven	19
L. E. Lammert, b Raven	21
L. A. Ross, b Wessner, b Mouldrum	2
R. Ross, c sub., b Wessner	0
J. Pestonjee, b Mouldrum	0
F. Rapp, b Wessner, b Raven	0
H. H. Taylor, b Raven	0
L. Loureiro, c sub., b Wessner	0
A. E. Ager, not out	0
J. L. Stuart, c Jackson, b Raven	0
Extras	3
Total	101

THE "GLENURRET" FIRE.

The fire on this steamer is now quite out, and there are no fears of another outbreak. The steamer went to the Roads last night, says a Singapore exchange, of the 3rd inst., and anchored just off the outer fishing stakes. Lights went out to the vessel this morning, and the work of discharging her cargo is going on apace. The heat of the fire has caused several of the plates to buckle and she will have to go into dock for repairs before her voyage to China and Japan can be resumed. Her cargo, which is mainly water damaged, will be sold by Messrs. Powell & Co. shortly.

The *Glenurret* discharged part of her cargo in the Roads this morning and later went to Section 1, Tanjong Pagar, to discharge the balance. It is stated that her main deck is buckled besides several side plates and this will necessitate her being docked.

MAR NOTES.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

Admiral Makaroff's report from Vladivostock on the action of Friday last at least gives definite information. It seems that there was more than a mere demonstration on the part of the Japanese squadron, for one ship on each side was sunk. The Japanese are said to have lost a torpedo-boat, while the Russian destroyer mentioned is one of the newest out. The *Stereguschki* is a small 26-knot boat, of 350 tons displacement and 3800 i.h.p. She carries one 12-pounder and three 3-pr. guns and has two torpedo-tubes. She is one of 12 destroyers built or still building on the Neva, all intended for the Far East.

THE MOUNDEN RUMOUR.
The rumour that the military authorities have received a telegram announcing that the Japanese have arrived at or are near Mounden is still widely circulated in the Colony, in military circles too, it must be observed. But there is no outside confirmation, nor is the receipt of such a telegram admitted.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Council will be held at 3 p.m. to-day:—

- BUSINESS.
1. Financial Minutes. (Nos. 13 to 18).
2. Report of the Finance Committee. (No. 2)
3. Domestic Cleanliness and Ventilations By-laws in Schedule "B" of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903—Amendment to No. 5 by Sanitary Board.
4. Repeal of By-laws under Section 16 of the same Ordinance. New By-laws as to Scavenging and Conservancy made by Sanitary Board.
5. Resolution:—

Whereas, by Section 6 of The New Territories Regulation Ordinance (No. 12 of 1899) it was enacted that the said Ordinance should remain in force for the period of one year from the date of its coming into operation, and for such further period or periods as might, from time to time, be determined by resolution of the Legislative Council:

And whereas, by previous resolutions of the Legislative Council the said Ordinance has been continued in force until the 18th day of April, 1904; and it is expedient that the said Ordinance should have permanent effect given to it:

It is hereby resolved that the New Territories Regulation Ordinance, 1899, shall remain in force until otherwise resolved by this Council.

6. Motions:—

1. That, in view of the letter which was recently addressed by Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson, F.R.S., to the Times newspaper on the subject of leprosy being caused by tainted fish, it is desirable that the Hongkong Government should cause some enquiry to be made into the question by its Medical Officers.
2. That it is desirable that the replies to questions which are put by unofficial Members of Council should be published in the Government Gazette in addition to the questions themselves.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend The New Territories Land Court Ordinance, No. 18 of 1891.

Second reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Prepared Opium Ordinance, 1891.

First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to enable effect to be given in this Colony to a Convention signed the Fifth day of March Nineteen hundred and two in relation to Sugar.

NOTES FROM THE BOTANIC GARDENS.

A very showy *Rhododendron* known under the name of *Rhododendron phaniceum* may now be seen in flower growing on the bank immediately above the Upper Albert Road, where it is represented by several fine specimens. The flowers are about three inches across, mauve in colour and produced in great numbers. This plant is supposed by some to be a native of China, although it has never been found wild while others regard it as a garden hybrid. In any case it is a very desirable shrub for a garden, but care should be taken to plant it in such a position that the colour of its flowers does not clash with that of other plants. It goes very well, however, with white or yellow flowers.

The exceedingly dry winter which we have just experienced is, no doubt, in a great way responsible for the very fine display of flower on *Hydrangea Macdabla* just now. One specimen of this plant may be seen in the large bed towards the lower end of the Albany Road, in the new garden, and another in the statue-plot in the old garden. The flowers are about an inch across, four of the petals being white while the fifth is marked with yellow. They are borne in short racemes in great profusion in the axils of the leaves. This species is a native of the East Indies, including Hongkong, and has been known in cultivation for more than a hundred years.

There are general orchids in flower in the No. 2 house at the present time, including one with flowers of a colour very seldom seen. This is *Cataglyphis pandurata*, a native of Malaya and the colour of the flowers is green and black. The individual flowers are about three inches across, and are produced on scapes in the young growths.

In the same house is a specimen of the Flamingo Plant, *Anthurium scherzerianum*, bearing over a dozen spathe. This plant is a native of Guatemala and belongs to the Arum family. The monkeys, which have recently proved so great an attraction to visitors, have had their numbers increased by the kind presentation from Mr. S. W. Moore of two fine Luzon specimens.

The rainfall for the year is as follows:—
January 15 inches
February 18
March to 11th 1.18
1.52 inches

HONGKONG JOTTING.

As the rains gradually come on and the Peak retires from our sight in its wrapping of mist, we begin to grow conscious in Hongkong of the ending of our season, so far as there is a definite season here. The Amateur Dramatic Club has concluded its work for some time to come, and nearly all the dances are done. Public functions are temporarily suspended—until, I suppose, the arrival of Sir Matthew Nathan, which will not apparently be much longer deferred. As for sport, as my fellow-writer on Saturday has pointed out, it is dying slowly; dying, that is to say, until autumn brings it to life again. Very soon now we shall have only "wet weather" and business affairs to contemplate; and, as the Japanese and Russians are both determined that the correspondents shall not tell us too much, even war news will not apparently provide us with too much excitement to distract us. Now in the dead season at home newspapers would get up a discussion on "Sea Serpents" or "What to do with our daughters." We cannot rise (or sink) to that here apparently. But why should we not have buried treasures? If the P. W. D. wanted road particularly needed for traffic blocked in the old familiar way, is there no paper that is willing to bury a few \$500 dices in its decomposed granite? The game seems to create a lot of interest at home, and it is just as yet there as here, to judge by recent accounts.

The number of petty house-thefts by "boys" that have been reported to the police within the last week, not to mention those cases that have not been reported, provide a new reason if that were needed for some drastic measures being taken in the direction of registration of servants. In Hongkong we are utterly unprotected against the depredations of our house servants. They do these things better in China, where the "boys" come from. In the interior if a "boy" is taken into service by an European or a Chinese even, his family stand security for his good behaviour, and in the event of his misbehaviour the parents or the clan collectively are held responsible. Will our Government, in considering this matter, never grasp the difference between East and West?

All the week rain has threatened, but we have had precious little of it. Rain is very badly wanted, for, in certain districts of the Colony, houses for some days past have been absolutely without a supply of water. I trust there is a good deal of truth in the report I mentioned last week that His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been taking measures which will accelerate the provision of additional water-storage; for as things are at present the Colony is exposed to a serious epidemic of typhoid. When one sees the number of coolies who at all hours of the day are catching water in the nullahs, some of it evidently for drinking purposes, one can only wonder that typhoid is not more prevalent at the present time than it actually is.

I have had something to say before on the subject of Hongkong's beggars, of which there are not a few, and I am glad to notice that several very objectionable types have disappeared from the streets, no doubt "moved on" by our Police. But while Queen's Road, especially, in the Central district, is kept pretty clear of these pests, there are several side streets still infested by them—notably Pottinger Street, Wyndham Street and their off-shoots, where groups of filthy, neglected-looking wretches of both sexes, lurk in corners making a rush at each foreign passer-by, and holding out grimy hands for *Cumshu*. It is fatal to one's comfort to give them anything, for they immediately accept such an act as the giver's adoption of them as permanent pensioners, and lay in wait for him every time he passes up those streets, and persist in annoying him, by following him until he has to adopt drastic measures, but only to find the nuisance repeated the very next time he passes. The House of Detention is about the proper place for these creatures of the gutter, who, for the most part, are thieves and pick-pockets in embryo.

It is an open secret that long before the Transvaal Legislature had actually acceded to demand of the Rand mining magnates for the importation of Chinese coolies to the Transvaal, agencies had already been established for the purpose of securing the necessary "yellow" labour in these parts. Those agencies have been active for some time past and now the agents are only awaiting definite orders from the Witwatersrand authorities to begin the shipment of coolies. It is expected that most of the emigrants will pass through Hongkong. Contrary to a belief held in some quarters, the Chinese Government is offering no objections to the engagement of Chinese coolies for the work, and the coolies themselves are said to be very willing to enter upon the enterprise.

In the matter of the breeding of dogs in Hongkong, one is always coming across people who deplore the fact that it is almost an impossibility to keep puppies from following strangers, if the puppies are allowed to go out among the crowd. A gentleman who does not pretend to be a dog-fancier tells me that on several consecutive nights he was followed home by a homeless puppy which he was forced to take in latterly from humane reasons, with the result that the canine visitor will not leave the house. Instances of this kind are not infrequent. Dog-owners in Hongkong are too apt to be careless in the registration of their dogs. They ought to be alive to the fact that if a stray dog is captured by the police there is an extremely small chance of its escaping from the lethal chamber.

The Opium Farmer, through his representative, Mr. Spooner, is kept busy in these days, as scarcely a day passes by without several groups of Chinese being summoned to appear before the Police Magistrate for being in possession of more opium than they held licence for; and, notwithstanding the infliction of the fullest penalties provided by the ordinance for the offence, it seems to have no deterrent effect on others. Apparently what is needed are stringent measures to prevent anybody but those personally approved by the Opium Farmer, and under his immediate control, from selling either the prepared opium, the opium dross, pills or wine. There is seldom any trouble at Singapore in this direction; there should not be here.

Among the Chinese in Hongkong there has been much discussion of late in respect to the new Bill which is presently before the Legislative Council, amending the Prepared Opium Ordinance, 1891. The object of the Bill is stated to be "to check and ultimately prevent the sale of opium in the shape of pills and wine. A prominent Chinese tells me that the stopping of the sale of pills will have a bad effect. These pills, it appears, are used for the cure of the opium habit. They contain only a very small percentage of the drug—so small as to be almost imperceptible when analysed. If their sale is made so expensive as to be prohibitive to the coolie class, my informant states, it will simply mean an increase of crime, for if the opium slaves cannot get their narcotic by fair means they will not hesitate to obtain it by foul.

BANYAN

SUPREME COURT.

Saturday, 12th March.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR

WILLIAM M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE.)

HO TUNG v. HO LUI SHAN.

Ho Tung applied for a receiving order to be made against Ho Lui Shan alias Nan Wing Choo; Mr. M. W. Slade, barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. J. Hastings, solicitor), appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. H. E. Pollock K.C. barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. H. Harthorn, of Messrs. Donays and Bowley, solicitors), for the defendant.

From the affidavits of the plaintiff it appeared that defendant had borrowed \$8,000 from him, to be repaid in two yearly instalments of \$4,000 with interest at ten per cent. Certain risks belonging to the defendant were to be held as security by the plaintiff, and, under an agreement made between the two parties, plaintiff was to receive a one-half of the profits of the risk business carried on by defendant. \$4,000 interest had been paid, but no share of the profits of the business. Defendant said that he signed no agreement transferring a half-share of the business to plaintiff. He signed a blank paper, which was to be filled in by plaintiff, but he did not agree to give him a one-half share of the profits. He offered plaintiff the half-share in the business for \$12,500. This plaintiff declined, and produced the agreement. His Lordship appointed an interim receiver until a final order should be made, this receiver to keep and file accounts monthly in the Registry. If the partners could agree upon a receiver promptly, such receiver to be appointed; in default the Registrar was to nominate a receiver; a security of \$7,500 to be found by the receiver within one week of his appointment.

POLICE COURT.

Saturday, 12th March.

BEFORE MR. T. SERGEANT SMITH (POLICE MAGISTRATE).

OPPIUM.

Thirteen men and women were summoned before His Worship for being in illegal possession of various quantities of opium in excess of the amounts permitted by their licences. Many and strange were the tales they told to account for the discovery of such quantities on their premises—mostly relating to "Another man," whom, unfortunately for themselves, they could neither name, describe, nor locate. His Worship, seeing through their very thin tales, sentenced them to fines varying from \$5 to \$50, according to the amounts found in their possession.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LD.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the twenty-sixth annual general meeting, to be held at the offices of the general agents on Thursday, the 24th inst.—The general agents beg to submit to shareholders their report on the company's business for the year 1903, with a statement of accounts to 31st December last.

There was a steady demand for refined sugar in consuming markets throughout the year, and the sum at debit on 1st January, 1903, has been reduced from \$438,232.99 to \$147,717.39 or a gain on working of \$290,515.60.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

Mr. D. M. Moss resigned his seat on his departure from the colony, and Mr. E. Shellim was invited to join the board in his place. The committee now consists of Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Messrs. R. C. Wilcox, A. G. Wood, and E. Shellim, who offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Thomas Arnold and W. Hutton Potts, who offer themselves for re-election.

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General Agents.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1904.

FOOTBALL.

CHALLENGE SHIELD.—SEMI-FINAL.

The replayed tie in the Challenge Shield competition took place on Saturday last in the Happy Valley. The *Leviathan*, owing to their sterling display last Wednesday, when, with a man short, they effected a draw with the *Cressey*, were naturally the public fancy in the replay. The teams turned out punctually at the advertised time, a strong master of spectators, in which the naval element naturally predominated, giving them a hearty reception. The *Cressey* men appeared much lighter than their opponents, especially in the rear division. The *Leviathan* winning the toss, elected to play with the breeze behind them, from the eastern end of the ground. They went away with a rush, and made a strong onslaught on the *Cressey* goal, which was soon threatened. McDonald, however, although hard pressed, managed to clear his line. The *Cressey* then got a look in, and McKay recovering possession, put in a somewhat weak shot, which Corbett had no difficulty in clearing. Both teams were now warming up to their work, the ball alternating from end to end rapidly. The *Cressey* men were playing a bustling game, and at length compelled their opponents to concede a corner. This, however, was not turned to account. Play hereabouts was of a somewhat desultory character, the ball frequently being out of touch. Then the *Cressey* got going again, and an oblique shot from the half-back line by Noyes beat Corbett, and the *Cressey* were one up. This reverse roused the *Leviathan* men, and Hutchings got away down the right wing, finishing up with a somewhat weak shot into Todd's hands. Oldham dashed up and endeavoured to handle goalkeeper and ball through, but was too late. Then the *Cressey* took up the running, Townsend making a fine sprint down the left wing, and evading all attempts to intercept him; he spoilt the effort, however, by shooting wide of the target. It was very apparent at this stage that the *Leviathan* were poor in the rear, the backs making several weak clearances, and the half-back division not rendering the front line adequate support. Ball—player, rumour says, is an old Tottenham Hotspur who—was showing commendable form in the centre, feeding his wings judiciously. Receiving a pass from this player, Hall got away down the left wing, and looked dangerous; his finishing effort, however, was very weak, and McDonald had no difficulty in clearing. The *Cressey* men again appeared more dangerous in front of goal than did their opponents, and both Mills and Townsend tried shots, which were somewhat fortunately cleared. However, the continual pressure was bound to tell, and a long shot from the half-back division pierced the *Leviathan* citadel, and the *Cressey* were two to the good. Their naval supporters were now jubilant, and vigorously urged them to further effort, a corner being brought into requisition. They still kept up the pressure, and were continually dangerous. At length a foul was given against them for an infringement of the rules, which was taken by Kinch. He, however, put the ball behind. The next exciting episode was when Bell, securing possession, evaded all opposition, and running right through the opposing defence, scored for the *Leviathan*. Things now appeared more equal, and both sides renewed their efforts, the one to equalise, the other to increase their advantage. Some pretty combined play then ensued between Bell, Hall, and Oldham, but the latter player shot wide of the posts. Now for a time the *Cressey* goal underwent a bombardment, both Bell and Oldham sending in shots. Bell appeared to be the most scientific forward on the field, but he suffered from lack of adequate support, and Bridge, getting down, gave Corbett a warm handful with a sweeping shot, which, however, he negotiated in good style. The *Leviathan* were still bent on obtaining the equaliser, and their half-back line kept the forwards going. Weak shooting, however, spoilt their endeavours. They were at this stage of the game more than holding their own. Jackson then took the ball down to the other end, but was faulty in shooting. A foul was hereabouts given against *Cressey*. Briggs averted danger with a neat overhead kick. The *Leviathan* men again got going, and Hutchings got down, the ball passing right along the forward line. The final touch was given by Brown, who shot straight, but the ball rebounded off a *Cressey* back, and a corner resulted. It was not, however, turned to advantage. The next exciting incident was when, from an attack by the *Cressey* forwards Jeffrey miskicked, and Corbett had to leave his charge in order to save. Mills then tested Corbett with the score *Cressey*, 2; *Leviathan*, 1. When the ball was re-started the *Leviathan* forward line got going, and Hall, when favourably placed, failed to accept a pass from Bell, the ball going over the line. Hard lines occurred to the *Leviathan* a moment later when a splendid shot from Hall, which appeared to score, was luckily intercepted by Briggs's head, and only a corner resulted. The game was of a typical Cup-tie order—a minimum of dash with a minimum of science. Occasionally some combined play was seen, but the game throughout was largely of the kick-and-rush order. The *Cressey* men now took up the running, and a concentrated attack compelled Jeffreys to kick out to clear. McKay put in a straight one, which Corbett disposed of, and then Oldham made an attempt at the other end. The pressure of the *Cressey* men was bound to tell, and after McKay had missed an open goal, with the ball at his foot, he executed a smart run, and transferred to Mills, who notched No. 3 for the *Cressey*. They now fairly bombarded the *Leviathan* goal, McKay and Townsend trying shots. One particularly fine shot by Townsend just dropped on the top of the net. The *Cressey* wingers were very fast, Townsend playing a particularly

smart game. One centre of his went right across the goal-mouth, but found nobody up to meet it. The *Leviathan* seemed now to have lost a good deal of the dash they had previously displayed. Bell at length got down, but McKay cleared without any difficulty. An amusing incident occurred when the artist on the corner suddenly broke out with the refrain of "Big Ben struck one—two—three—four." Brown of the *Leviathan* once had a golden opportunity. He had run right through all opposition, and with no one to beat but the goalkeeper, overran the ball. All seemed over now for *Cressey*, and spectators were leaving the field when suddenly Townsend got away down the line, centred well, but Jackson put over the bar. From the goal-kick the attack was renewed, and a corner was at length conceded by Jeffreys. The kick was well taken, and Townsend applying his head to the sphere put his side four up. Shortly afterwards the whistle sounded, and the final score being *Cressey*, 4; *Leviathan*, 1.

That the *Cressey* were three goals better value than the *Leviathan* is open to doubt. They were smarter on the ball, their forward line exhibited a better understanding, but what luck was going was certainly in their favour. A pleasing feature of the match was the hearty, vigorous methods of the sailor teams, every man doing the best he knew, but fouls or shady tactics being almost entirely absent.

The following were the teams:—*Cressey*:—McToid, goal; Briggs and McDonald, backs; Noyes, Smith, and Martin, half-backs; Townsend, Mills, McKay, Bridge, and Jackson, forwards. *Leviathan*:—Corbett, goal; Jeffreys, and Le Page, backs; Yardley, Kinch, and Shooter, half-backs; Hutchings, Brown, Bell, Oldham, and Hall, forwards.

Referee, Lieut. Barby.

H.K.F.C. v. H.M.S. "ALBION."

Played on Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon this game resulted in a walk over for the Naval team. *Albion* kicked off and mid-field play continued for some time. After a little play McLeod got away and scored a good try between the posts; it was not converted. The Naval team continued to keep Hongkong on the defensive, (child eventually scoring try No. 2 which was neatly converted by Reeve. Royal still increased the visitors score, the major points not being added. Shortly before half-time Royal scored again, Boyle nicely converting. When the whistle suspended play the score was:—H.M.S. *Albion*, 2 goals, 2 tries (16 points); H.K.F.C., nil. On the re-start the *Albion* again had things very much their own way. They were prevented from scoring, however, for some considerable time. King eventually dropped a good goal, and those were the last points made during the game. A very poor contest, the Hongkong side being no match for their opponents, ended:—H.M.S. *Albion*, 3 goals (one dropped), 2 tries (20 points); H.K.F.C., nil.

The teams were:—

H.M.S. *Albion*:—Cossar, full back; Royle, Warren, King, and McLeod, three-quarters; Blackwood and Chilli, halves; Boxer, Boyle, Nunford, Ballahan, Layard, Reeve, and Jones, forwards.

H.K.F.C.:—H. Ashby, full-back; W. R. Robertson, T. E. Pearce, Lieut. Cameron, and Lieut. Black, three-quarters; J. P. Jordan and A. B. de Vaulle, halves; H. C. Sandford P. W. Goldring, E. D. C. Wolfe, A. Boyd, Lieut. Strover, H. E. Rowley, Lieut. Duncan, and R. F. Chard, forwards.

DEATH OF PROMINENT CHINESE AT SHANGHAI.

The N.C. Daily News of the 5th inst. writes:—We greatly regret to have to chronicle the death, through consumption, yesterday morning of our esteemed fellow citizen, Mr. Tong Kid-sun, at his late residence in Marham Road at the comparatively early age of forty-four. The deceased gentleman was one of the returned Government students from the United States, a *coterie* of enlightened men whose abilities and loyalty are being greatly appreciated and respected by the Chinese Government, and who as a consequence are making their influence felt wherever their lot has placed them. A man of sterling honesty and genial qualities, the late Mr. Tong Kid-sun was much beloved by all who had ever come into contact with him, whether in business or socially, and especially was he popular with our Cantonese fellow residents in these settlements, who actually form a good third of the native population here. Mr. Tong Kid-sun at the time of his death held the position of Chief Comptroller to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. here, and in his character of President of the Cantonese Guild on Ningpo Road was a member of the Committee of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce created in 1902 by an Imperial Rescript of the Throne. He was also connected with many charitable concerns, and took great interest, naturally, in educational matters, having established the School of Western Learning attached to the Cantonese Guild on Ningpo Road. He was one of the Chinese Committee with relation to the Chinese Public School which the Municipal Council intends to establish soon. The deceased gentleman will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends and a goodly portion of our native fellow residents, while his death will be a decided loss to the cause of education here and to the Settlements generally. The vacancy made by his death in the Presidency of the Cantonese Guild will probably be filled by Mr. Chu Yu-chee of the China Merchants, S. N. Co.

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H.M.S. "CENTURION'S" GUN-SIGHTS.

On the 9th ult. Mr. R. Lucas, M.P., asked the Secretary to the Admiralty whether His Majesty's *Centurion* was recently commissioned with some of her guns wrongly sighted; and, if so, what steps had been taken to remedy the defects.

Mr. Petyman.—All the *Centurion's* guns have correct sights. Some difficulty was experienced in fitting the old pattern mountings of the 10in. guns with duplicate sights of a new design. It is hoped to rectify this shortly. The original sights are still fitted to the guns, and are quite accurate.

Mr. Lucas.—As the matter is of considerable importance, may I ask what prospect there is of these sights being adequately corrected in a short time?

Mr. Petyman.—It is a matter which is being very carefully considered. I cannot say how long it will take. It is a scientific question, and if the hon. member will give me notice, I will answer the question.

Mr. G. Bowles.—Is the House to understand that this vessel is to proceed to sea with inaccurate sights?

Mr. Petyman.—No, Sir. The original sights are accurate, and are still fitted to the guns. A new pattern sight is fitted in duplicate, which is not absolutely accurate.

Mr. Bowles.—Are we to understand that the sights which are to be used are inaccurate, and that the correct sights are not to be used?

There was no answer.

PLAQUE DISINFECTION.

Dr. E. S. Chinoy, Chief Medical Officer, Southern Mahratta Railway, gave an illustration of his method of disinfection by hydropneumatics at Ghorpuri on the 12th ult. A number of military medical officers, including Lieutenants-Colonel Harwood, P.M.O., Major Elliott, R.A.M.C., Captain Dorgan, and Sir Bhattacharya Krishna, and Dr. Ramana, of Bombay, and the Municipal members of Poona City and suburbs were present to watch the process. The quarters of the native railway staff, in some of which there have been plague cases, were submitted to the process. After the rooms had been cleared of their contents, the hydro-carbon was sprinkled on the floor with a watering-can and a light wafted thrust in on the end of a bamboo. The hydro-carbon at once burst into flame, and dense volumes of thick black smoke filled the room, destroying rats and other vermin. In the case of houses built of inflammable material the flame from the hydro-carbon can be diminished by the addition of water to the hydro-carbon before it is sprinkled. The heat given off is said to be greater than that from kerosene oil or other disinfecting processes, while, as simplicity is its greatest recommendation, it takes only a few minutes to disinfect any house thoroughly. Hydro-carbon sprinkled on rats and insects killed them in a few minutes. The operations were watched with interest by those present.

INSURANCE COMPANIES IN JAPAN.

Of seventy-one insurance companies, thirty-two, the *Japan Advertiser* says, have duty complied with the Government order (No. 100,000 yen), and official inspection has been given to the thirty-nine companies against entering into fresh insurance contracts. Of these thirty-nine companies, seven have already applied to discontinue the business, and two have applied for permission for temporary suspension of business. About twenty others have not yet clearly defined their position to the authorities. The Government has given notice to these companies that the prohibition from entering into fresh contracts will be removed if the deposits be paid immediately. Vernacular papers generally expect that with the exception of the thirty-two companies which have already obeyed the official order the other underwriters will discontinue the business. Those who have paid in deposits are the Manufacturers, New York, Sun, Equitable, and Standard Life Insurance Companies, the Royal, National, Royal Exchange, Norwich, London & Lancashire, North British, Yaiyar (?), Northern, Vantime, Phoenix, Hongkong, Alliance, Liverpool, Atlas, Guardian, Union, Yorkshire, and Netherlands Fire Insurance Companies, the seven and China Traders, and Union Marine Insurance Companies, the London, South British, Commercial, North China, New Zealand, and Yangtze Fire and Marine Insurance Companies.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Notice is published.
By Command, A. M. THOMSON,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 11th March, 1904.

NOTICE.

A MEETING of HIS MAJESTY'S JUSTICES of the PEACE will be held in the JUSTICES' ROOM, at the Magistrate's Office, on TUESDAY, the 22nd day of MARCH, 1904, for the purpose of considering the following application:
From one JAMES CHRISTIE to sell and retail intoxicating liquors on the premises situated at No. 2, Shaikwan Road, under the sign of "THE METROPOLITAN HOTEL."
T. FERCOMBE SMITH,
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Magistrate,
Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [729]

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CHINA ASSOCIATION.

HONGKONG BRANCH.
THE ANNUAL MEETING of Member will be held in the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, City Hall, on THURSDAY, 17th MARCH, 1904, at 4 p.m. C. PEMBERTON,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1904. [732]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, I, the undersigned LEUNG SING HAI, TONG have this Day Transferred all my Share and Interest in the Business of the WING YU LOONG LAY KEE of No. 374, Des Vaux Road West, and in the Business of the HOO HING LONG of No. 340, Des Vaux Road West, to TAM CHEUK SAI, and that I have no further interest or responsibility in the said businesses.
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 31, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1904, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1903. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 19th to the 26th MARCH, both days inclusive.
CHAN A. FOOK,
G. A. WATKINS,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1904. [734]

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at the GOLF CLUB HOUSE, Happy Valley, TO-DAY (MONDAY), the 14th March, at 5 p.m., in accordance with Rule 25 of the Rules of the Club.
E. J. GRIST,
Hon. Secretary.
The Royal Hongkong Golf Club,
Hongkong, 8th March, 1904. [676]

DEVONIAN SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL DEVONIAN DINNER will be held at the HONGKONG CLUB on SATURDAY, the 19th MARCH, at 8 o'clock p.m.
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MOWERAY S. NORTHCOTE,
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Hongkong, 9th March, 1904. [706]

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Hongkong, 7th March, 1904. [674]

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TURNER & CO.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1904. [613]

NOTICE.

THE following Articles FOUND at Government House after the Ball on 3rd and 25th February, are still unclaimed:
1 SMALL FEATHER FAN,
1 ST. LADY'S WHITE KID GLOVES,
2 BLACK VEILS,
1 WHITE VEIL,
1 KNOTTED CLOTH,
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1 SMALL JAPANESE FAN,
1 ST. WHITE BUCKSKIN GLOVES,
1 SMALL GOLD BROOCH,
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M. R. HURLEY, Capt., A.D.C.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1904. [695]

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Hongkong, 17th October, 1903. [251]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, TO-DAY (MONDAY), the 14th MARCH, 1904, at 2.30 p.m., at his SALES ROOMS, DUNDALL STREET, A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE. (Full Particulars from Catalogue).
3 FOWLING PIECES,
1 AMERICAN ROLL TOP DE K. On View from Saturday, the 12th March. TERMS—Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 9th March, 1904. [698]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held THIS DAY (MONDAY), the 14th day of MARCH, 1904, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, of One Lot of Crown Land at Shau-ki-wan, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.
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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Square ft.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
Shau-ki-wan Lot No. 493	Shau-ki-wan	82 ft. 95 ft. 92 ft.	7,750	54	2,337

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held THIS DAY (MONDAY), the 14th day of MARCH, 1904, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, of One Lot of Crown Land at Austin Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.
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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Square ft.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
Kowloon Island Lot No. 114	Austin Road	103 ft. 105 ft. 85 ft. 85 ft.	10,000	80	2,000

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on FRIDAY, the 18th MARCH, 1904, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at his SALES ROOMS, DUNDALL STREET, A COLLECTION OF JAPANESE CURIOS, Comprising—
SATSUMA VASES and JARS, IMARI PLATES, CLOISONNE (Silver and otherwise), OLD BRONZE VASES, SILK EMBROIDERED SCREENS, and a Variety of TEA-SETS, &c., &c.
Terms—As usual.
Catalogues will be issued.
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GEO. P. LAMBERT,
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Hongkong, 11th March, 1904. [717]

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Hongkong, 13th June, 1903. [734]

NOTICE TO KOWLOON RESIDENTS

EXTRA COPIES of Daily Press are on sale daily at Mr. H. RUTON'S KOWLOON STORE, No. 30, Elgin Road. Price 15 cents per copy cash.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [3513]

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WM. PARLANE, Manager.

Hongkong, 13th November, 1901. [57]

NOTICE OF FIRM

NOTICE.

WE have this Day authorized Mr. S. KONDO to Sign, Procure or Execute on behalf of our Firm in this Colony.

MIDZUSHIMA & CO.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [712]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP CO., LD.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 14, Des Vaux Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 19th MARCH, 1904, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1903. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 16th MARCH, to SATURDAY, the 19th MARCH (both days inclusive).
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1904. [678]

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 4, Queen's Buildings, on SATURDAY, the 19th MARCH, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1903, and the Report of the General Manager and Consulting Committee and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 19th of MARCH, both days inclusive.
J. WHELELEY,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1904. [651]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S HOTEL on SATURDAY, the 19th MARCH, 1904, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company, to the 31st December, 1903, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matter that may be competently brought before the Meeting. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 19th to the 19th MARCH, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board.
C. MOONEY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 9th March, 1904. [696]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents on THURSDAY, the 24th MARCH, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 11th to 24th MARCH, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1904. [683]

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on THURSDAY, the 24th day of MARCH, 1904, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1903. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 24th MARCH, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1904. [679]

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(In Liquidation).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Liquidator, P. CHATER, K.C.M.G., Victoria Buildings, Queen's Road, at 10 o'clock in the Afternoon on SATURDAY, the 26th day of MARCH, when the Liquidator will lay before the Shareholders a Final Report together with the Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1903, and the following Resolution will be proposed, viz:—
To those Shareholders who make a written application to the Liquidator Mr. J. GOOSMAN, on or before the 2nd day of APRIL, 1904, \$1 (Dollar One) or a fraction of same, will be returned per Share, and any Balance remaining after payment of Auditor's Fee, Printing and Petty Expenses, is to be transferred to the credit of the Liquidator.
The Books of the Company are to remain in safe custody with Messrs. MELCHES & CO., and to be destroyed after two years from date.
J. GOOSMAN,
Liquidator.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [718]

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that,

on and after this date, they can obtain Scrip Certificates for Shares of the new issue in exchange for Hongkong and Shanghai Bank receipts on application at the Registered Offices of the Company, Nos. 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1904. [515]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Business of AH MEN and HING CHEONG & CO., Tailors, will be CARRIED ON from the 17th inst. at No. 8 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, opposite to the Connaught Hotel.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1904. [128]

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CHARLES R. SCOTT,
Manager.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1903. [319]

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VICTORIA HOTEL BUILDINGS,

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Hongkong, 14th July, 1903. [21]

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